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JAPAN.

Reports from Yokohama.

Asst. Surg. Dunlap Moore reports December 4, as follows: During the week ended November 29, 1902, 3 vessels, having a total personnel of 274 crew and 657 passengers, were inspected; 474 steerage passengers were bathed and their body clothing disinfected by steam; also 659 pieces of baggage were disinfected by formaldehyde.

The official return of infectious diseases in Yokohama for the above period shows: Enteric fever, 7 cases, no deaths; diphtheria, 5 cases, 2 deaths; dysentery, 1 case, no deaths. This city remains free from cholera and plague.

DECEMBER 11, 1902.

Week ended December 6, 1902, 6 vessels, having a total personnel of 425 crew and 483 passengers, were inspected; 334 steerage passengers were bathed, their body clothing being disinfected by steam; also, 432 pieces of baggage were disinfected. A new disinfecting plant is now in operation and is in many respects an improvement on the old one, one of its features being a small steam chamber.

Infectious diseases, as follows, were reported in Yokohama during the past week: Enteric fever, 3 cases, 2 deaths; diphtheria, 3 cases, 2 deaths; dysentery, 2 cases, no deaths.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

MALTA.

Quarantine laws.

Consul John H. Grout, at Malta, transmits the following:

VALETTA, MALTA, *December 8, 1902.*

By proclamation issued through the medium of the Malta Government Gazette, the quarantine restrictions hitherto placed by the authorities of Malta against Port Said and Suez have been removed. Vessels may now coal and provision at either of the two ports en route through the canal. Following is the proclamation:

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

His excellency the governor, having heard the opinion of the council of health, has been pleased to repeal government notice No. 270 of November 26, 1902, and to direct that the following regulations be observed as regards vessels and passengers, viz:

Infected places.

1. The following countries are, for purposes of quarantine, to be treated as infected:
 - a. Arabia (excepting Perim and Aden).
 - b. China.
 - c. Egypt (excepting Port Said and Suez).
 - d. India.
 - e. Odessa.
2. And the following ports:
 - a. Ports in the Persian Gulf.
 - b. Syria, between Sur and Port Said (exclusive of the latter port).

Infected vessels.

3. Infected vessels are vessels which have, or have had, on board, during the voyage or the preceding twenty days, cases of cholera, yellow fever, plague, or any disease with symptoms which, in the opinion of the chief government medical officer, resemble the symptoms of the said diseases.